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Editor's Comments:

Please use my e-mail address to submit stories, events, happenings, or other information that you would like in the newsletter. If you do not have a computer, please give it to me in person or mail it to me. The deadline for all news items to be submitted is the 20th of each month. That will give me time to have it compiled and printed for distribution on the last Sunday of the month.

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From the Pastor: "Pastor's Ponderings"

"The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the

community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything." (Acts 2: 42-44)

The story of the beginning of the church is exciting. In a way, it makes me think of that phrase "shock and awe" that was used by reporters during the first Gulf War. The impact of the new faith was amazing. The new Christians took the world by storm. Many great works were done by the believers.

As we move into the summer time, let us continue to have the enthusiasm of the young church as we continue to do the work of taking Christ's transforming message into the community and the world.

Many of you have worked hard and continue to work hard to do the programs at Latimer. I appreciate all those who participated in our Lenten and Easter services. I want to give a special thanks to all who helped with our special services and events such as the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, Ash Wednesday service, Palm Sunday readings, Maundy Thursday communion, and the stripping of the altar. I hope and pray that each of you experienced God's grace through these acts of public worship and public prayer. John Wesley wrote of the importance of our receiving and appreciating God's grace through what he called the "means of grace." Acts of public worship, public prayer and communion are some of the "means of grace" for us as a Christian body.

We have many exciting things going on at our church and much more to come this year. We have a wonderful choir under the direction of Glenda Conley. Both the United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men have active chapters, including the serving of "Brinner" for veterans at Richard Campbell Nursing Home each third Wednesday evening. We enjoy good food and fellowship at our lunches on the last Sunday of every month. The Grief Support group is off to a good start this year and thanks to all who attend and also to those who provide the lunch.

We have several additional activities planned for the summer and fall. We will host vacation bible school from August 1-3 with a block party on July 28. We will participate in feeding Salkehatchie campers. We plan to participate in the Belton Standpipe festival in October. We have invited the Belton-Honea Path chorus to sing

at one of our worship services in the fall. Pictures were taken this spring in preparation for a new church directory.

I ask that all who are the head of teams, committees and organizations in the church use this month to evaluate where you stand in carrying out your goals for the year. Although we are still several months away from charge conference, this is a good time for you to think about what you are going to report when we meet with the district superintendent in the fall. This is also a good time to determine your budgetary needs for next year.

Thank you for all you do. As we celebrate the beginning of the church some two thousand years ago, let us continue our work for the kingdom of God on earth.

In Christ,

Rev. Wally Culp

From the Nurture Team:

Father's Day, June 18

Five Priorities God gives to Christian Men: God, Family, Church, Country, and Work

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, all these things will be added unto you". Matthew 6:33

June 18 we celebrate Father's Day - thankful for their love and support, we remember and honor the men of the church.

Remembering Mother's Day - we thank Regina and Andy Bullions for providing the flowers in memory of their mothers. Each lady attending worship received a beautiful carnation.

We thank our Choir members for the delicious "Justin" BBQ chicken meal in May.

Our Food and Fellowship Meal in June will be POTLUCK - your delicious dishes to share. We are looking forward to that!

In May, we honored our graduates: Aaron Miller from BHP and

Luke Howell and Paige Cook from Lander.

Remember our sick and shut-ins. If you know someone who would like a visit, a Newsletter, or a copy of Wally's sermon let me know. I will provide a sign-up sheet for visitation so we can ensure no one is skipped. A phone call and cards are effective ways to let our shut-ins know they are loved and have a family here too.

Continue prayers for our church and the UMC Annual Conference June 4-7.

- Sandy Sorrow

From the Outreach Team:

The Outreach Team met May 2, 2017. We discussed the following events and business:

- The Grief Support Group met on May 24, 2017. The Outreach Team prepared and served lunch.

- Salkehatchie will be in our area the week of June 25th. We will serve lunch on Friday, June 30th at

Williamston Park. Outreach will share this project with the entire church membership. We will be asking for donations to help with the cost and help with serving the food as the time draws near.

- Patrick Harris is one of our mission projects. We would like to donate large-print Bibles again in the near future, but the Bible fund is low. The Bibles are given to the patients to keep so there is an on-going need for Bibles.

- Relay for Life was May 5, 2017 on the square in Belton. It was rained out. Because of this a luminary ceremony was held on the square on May 16th. We were present for both events.

- Our neighbor church, New Jerusalem, has a soup lunch once each month for anyone who needs a meal. Our Children's Class and the Youth Class uses part of their collection to donate money to help with this ministry.

- Pat Wilson

From the Witness Team:

The Witness Team met on May 3rd with 6 members present. We had an opening prayer followed by a verse of scripture (Romans 8:28).

We went around the room and shared briefly with one another, some of the things we may have done or encountered in the recent past in which we were the giver or receiver of God's love and how it affected us and/or the other person.

We welcomed Susie Howell as our newest member of the Witness Team. She has taken over the duties of doing the Latimer's Voice (Newsletter). I hope you agree with me that May's issue (which was her first issue) has brought a new and fresh look to our newsletter.

Susie and Jane have been working tirelessly on taking pictures for our updated church directory which should be ready to roll out as of January 2018.

We touched on several topics that we as a group will be involved in

during the rest of the year, such as VBS, possibly having a church booth at this year's Stand Pipe Festival, finishing the church directory in the fall, and other doable activities.

As we closed, we referred back to the Roman's scripture with a short story about what it means to be a witness for Jesus Christ and how a simple act of kindness can bring forth blessings.

Our next meeting will be June 15th at 6:30 PM.

- Bob Emhof

Richard Campbell Veteran's Nursing Home:

The Outreach Team and the Latimer Men's Club cooked our monthly meal for the residents of Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home Wednesday May 17th. We served 70 meals. There were 15 Latimer men and women cooking and serving. Thanks to all the folks who make this happen each month. The veteran's at Richard Campbell greatly appreciate it.

We will cook next at Richard Campbell on June 21st.

- Andy Bullions

Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:

Ron Walfield has been elected Treasurer of the Latimer Men.

The next Latimer Men's Club breakfast will be held June 18th.

- Andy Bullions

S/PPRC:

The S/PPRC continues searching for a new Organist /Choir Director and your help is solicited. If you are aware of someone who might be interested in being our Organist/Choir Director please have them contact Andy Bullions or Rev. Culp. This is a part-time paid permanent position.

United Methodist Women:

UMW will meet Monday, June 5th at 3:00 p.m. This will be the last meeting for the summer.

The Jolly Mixers:

The Jolly Mixers will not meet in June and July.



The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at Clemson Downs at 11:15 AM on June 14th. If you need a ride or want to carpool, please meet at the church at 10:30 AM. Please contact Ann Gaston or Betty King by Monday, June 12th if you plan to attend.



Fellowship Meal:

The Fellowship Meal will be Sunday, June 25th and will be Potluck hosted by the Nurture Team.

Treasurer's Report:

Needed YTD	\$47,130
Received YTD	\$43,134
Over/(Under)	(\$ 3,999)



Offering Counters:

June 4th - Ron Walfield
John Pinson
June 11th - Ron Walfield
Kent Millwood
June 18th - Ron Walfield
Jim DuBose
June 25th - Ron Walfield
Bob Emhof

Nursery List:

Nursery volunteers are on an as needed basis.

Ushers:

June - Frank Sorrow
Roy Mac Haggard
July - Frank Sorrow

Our Shut-Ins:

Charles Campbell
Ernie Emhof
Jane Woodson
Phillip Brannon

Forward Focus Team:

The initial Congregational meeting of the forward focus process will be held on June 11, 2017, at 3:00 pm. in the fellowship hall. The team leader,

Rev. Joe Allinder, will introduce the team members and give an orientation to the forward focus process. He will answer questions you have about the process. Please plan to attend. Ice cream and desserts will be served.

Church Council:

The Church Council will not meet in June.

Grief Support Group:

The grief support group will not meet in June. Please keep this group in your prayers.

Our Prayer Concerns:

Bob Emhof, Phillip Brannon, Jackie Manning, Steven and Dot Peck, Sarah Raditz, Thomas Burris, Nancy Nagel, Gay Walfield, Jane Woodson, Jim Grubbs, Frank Woods, Chip Wynne, Bonnie Moore, Randy Morrison, Georgia Keen, Brenda Parfitt, Emily McAlister, Nancy Cothran, Al Keen, Tommy Wright, George Lesh, Linda Squyers, Ellen Halvorson, Joan Sears, Ben and Nancy, Sheila Okamoto, Peggy Bromeling, Jane Burnett, the Family of Harry Davis,

the Family of Sam Hanks



Father's Day:

Father's Day, celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June, got a jump start from the formation of Mother's Day. Credit for beginning Father's Day celebrations is given to Sonora Smart Dodd from Spokane, Washington. When Sonora was 16, her mother died while giving birth to her sixth child. Her widowed father continued to raise all 6 children. In 1909, Sonora approached the Spokane YMCA and the Spokane Ministerial Alliance. The first Father's Day was thus observed in the state of Washington on June 19, 1910. The idea of officially celebrating fatherhood spread quickly across the United States, as more and more states adopted the holiday. Congress officially

recognized Father's Day in 1956 with the passage of a joint resolution. Ten years later, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson issued a proclamation calling for the third Sunday in June to be recognized as Father's Day. In 1972, President Richard Nixon permanently established the observance of the third Sunday in June as Father's Day in the United States

SCUMC Annual Conference:

The South Carolina United Methodist Church Annual Conference will be held on June 4th – 7th at the TD Convention center in Greenville SC. Anyone interested in going needs to see Rev. Culp. Copies of the Conference program/schedule are on the table next to the Newsletter.



Graduation Celebration:

Stephen and Dot Peck are

proud to announce that their granddaughter, Emily Willis, graduated from Clemson University on May 12th with a B.S. in History.

Aaron Miller, son of Nick and Amy Miller, graduated from Belton Honea Path High School on May 26th. Aaron will be attending USC in the fall.

Paige Cook granddaughter of Frank and Bessie Clark and daughter of Shawn and Beth Cook, graduated on May 6th from Lander University. She received a B.S. in Elementary Education.

Luke Howell, son of Tommy and Susie Howell, graduated from Lander University on May 6th with a B.S. in Graphic Design.



Vacation Bible School:

Latimer's Vacation Bible School will be held August 1-3 from 5:45 to 8 PM in the evening. A block party will be held on Friday July 28 to kick things off. The block party will include live music and food and other fun things for the whole family.

First responders will be invited to the block party. Please put this on your calendar and tell your family and friends.

Meetings and Events:

Please note that all meetings and events including birthdays and anniversaries are now on the monthly calendar.



Relay for Life:

Latimer's contribution to Relay for Life was a little over \$1400 this year. I'd like to thank everyone who participated and contributed in making this a successful venture.

- Kent Millwood

Christian Radio Station:

I have found a great radio station that I enjoy very much. It is located at 97.3 FM and is from Gaffney SC and is BBN: Bible Broadcasting Network. Try it. I hope you enjoy it also.

- Yvonne Shirley

Expecting great things

By Bishop Jonathan Holston

"For we walk by faith, not by sight."—2 Corinthians 5:7

The 2017 South Carolina Annual Conference Session is quickly approaching, and it will be a blessed time to gather for praise, worship, service and holy conferencing.

In our gathering, we will experience the hospitality of a new location in Greenville. The community is excited about our presence, and we are grateful for the efforts of the Greenville District Host Committee, as well as the Greenville Convention and Civic Bureau, who have diligently prepared to be our gracious hosts.

Our theme this year is "A More Excellent Way: We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight." It is a continuation of our faith journey as we seek a more excellent way to make disciples of Jesus Christ while transforming our world.

I am delighted to welcome Bishop Cynthia Harvey to our Annual Conference experience from the Louisiana Episcopal Area to share with us in praise and worship, as well as Dr. Albert Moseley, president-dean of Gammon Theological Seminary to lead us in Bible study.

As always, becoming disciples God can use has allowed us to share in some awesome ministry events. This year is no different. We are excited to participate with Homes of Hope in helping address homelessness in Greenville by partnering to build two to four homes in the Greenville area. Also, we join with the youth of the South Carolina Conference and the Bikes for the World ministry in addressing the needs of basic transportation for those around the world. These are two tremendous opportunities for mission and ministry that United Methodists in South Carolina can put their hands to doing.

Information for ways to participate can be found on the conference website (www.umcsc.org). So come to Annual Conference and share in a

glorious time of celebration, generosity and worship.

We'll see you in Greenville!